

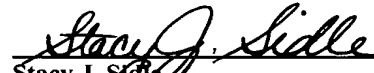


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Thomas Robert Maier, et al.)
For: PREPARATION OF COMPONENTS AND)
ARTICLES WITH DIRECTED HIGH FREQUENCY)
ENERGY HEATED SILICA-RICH RUBBER)
COMPONENTS CONTAINING HIGH SOFTENING)
POINT POLYMER AND SULFUR CURATIVE)
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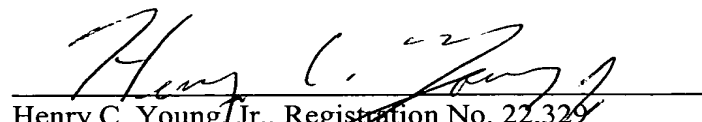
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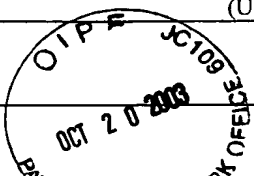
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Applicants submit that none of the above cited references derogates from the patentability of the invention described and claimed in the subject patent application.

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